

REMARKS

On September 24, 2004, Examiner Sabiha N. Qazi and Applicants' representative, Bernard P. Friedrichsen, discussed the allowed patent application described above for which all of the pending claims (claims 29-44) had been allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated September 8, 2004. In reviewing the file of the allowed patent application, Applicants' representative noted that they did not have the Examiner-initialled copy of the Form PTO 1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement timely filed on August 25, 2004, before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. Applicants' representative requested that Examiner Qazi consider the references submitted with the timely filed Information Disclosure Statement. Examiner Qazi agreed to review the references and send Applicants an Examiner-initialled copy of the Form PTO 1449. Therefore, agreement between the Examiner and Applicants' representative was reached. Applicants thank Examiner Qazi for sending them the Examiner-initialled Form PTO 1449 form in the communication dated September 29, 2004.

CONCLUSION

Each of the pending claims of this application (claims 29-44 and renumbered as claims 1-16) has been allowed and a Notice of Allowability (PTOL -37) and a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85) have been received by Applicants. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below if the Examiner believes such would be helpful in advancing the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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